

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

GRANT CYCLE FIVE, APRIL 2025

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Data Overview and Notes

Overview

This report presents data on participants served over the last month through the Vocational and Life Skills (VLS) Grant in Nebraska. Grantees use the Nebraska Inmate Case Management System (NICaMS) to submit data on participants served through VLS funding. This data is due monthly by grantees and reflects all services provided during the previous month to participants. Nebraska Department of Corrections (NDCS) staff and evaluators at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (NCJR) work with grantees to manage data entry errors on an ongoing basis using email, phone, and site visit communications.

The current data derives from an active database, from which data is being entered and updated daily. Data values, including previously submitted information, may fluctuate depending on the duration of lag between service delivery and data entry. One common example of this is when participants begin programming near the end of the month and grantee staff do not yet have intake information to enter for participants before the next data pull date. These changes will be reflected in future reports.

Notes on Data

- Individuals participating in multiple programs are counted as a unique individual per grantee.
- Questions on data presented below may be directed to the Research Coordinator, Dr. Katelynn Towne, at NCJR with the University of Nebraska Omaha (ktowne@unomaha.edu).

Participants Served

Individuals served through April 2025¹

Program	Currently Enrolled from last Month ²	Successful Completions last Month ³	Total Completions through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	22	0	44
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	21
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	48	5	135
Community Justice Center	16	99	569
Mental Health Association (MHA)	2,091	112	797
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	3	188	1,422
Midland University	2	0	11
Opening Doors	89	59	218
Persevere	16	0	3
Project Reset	82	3	104
RISE	135	113	339
ReConnect, Inc.	321	59	547
(WAC) Bristol Station	14	7	51
York University	12	0	0
Total Across Programs	2,632	570	3,073

¹ Participant data are unique to each program and participants may be active in multiple programs.

² A summation of individuals who are still progressing in VLS funded programming from the last month.

³ A summation of individuals who completed VLS funded programming during the last month.

⁴ A summation of individuals who completed VLS funded programming through the last month.

Program Offering Participations

VLS *Program offerings* were developed for each grantee so the evaluation may describe programming components. Each grantee provides different services; thus, each has a unique catalogue of offerings. Some participants only need one offering while others may receive multiple. The program offering status describes how participants are or have participated in programming. Participants may complete one program offered while being actively involved in other program offerings. VLS quarterly reports provide more detailed descriptions of program offerings.

In these monthly reports, a cumulative count of participants served through Grant Cycle Five in each program offering is presented along with the status of those who enrolled in that program offering.

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)

From this month, there are **22** active participations in Associated Builders and Contractor's program offerings. Grant cycle five completions through the current month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	31	0	0	31
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	16	0	0	16
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	5	0	0	5
Total	52	0	0	52

Black Men United

From this month, there are **0** active participations in Black Men United's program offerings. Grant cycle five completions through the current month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Reentry Navigation	9	0	0	9
Workforce & Life Skills	12	0	0	12
Total	21	0	0	21

Community Alliance

There are **195** active participations in Community Alliance's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Care Coordination	86	0	0	86
Charting a New Course	30	2	1	33
Employment Assistance	44	0	0	44
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Financial Literacy	39	0	0	39
Housing Assistance	51	0	0	51
Integrated Health	27	0	0	27
Peer Support/Mentoring	26	0	0	26
Transportation Assistance	22	0	0	22
Total	326	2	1	329

Community Justice Center

There are **16** active enrollments or completions in Community Justice Center's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the current month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Circles of Support	561	0	0	561
Community/Family Support	68	0	0	68
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	44	0	0	44
Victim Empathy	412	0	0	412
Total	1,085	0	0	1,085

Mental Health Association

There are **2,283** active participations in Mental Health Association's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
CARES	102	2	16	120
HONU	35	15	0	50
Hope	227	0	0	227
Intentional Peer Support (specialist)	0	2	0	2
Outreach	1	0	0	1
Peer Prevention Group	532	0	0	532
Rent Wise	29	0	0	29
Total	926	19	16	961

Metropolitan Community College

There are **3** active participations in Metropolitan Community College's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
CDL Preparation	78	0	0	78
Employment Readiness	198	0	0	198
Forklift Certification	72	0	0	72
Four-Week Workshop	49	0	0	49
Job Readiness	306	0	0	306
Long-Term Relief Group	201	0	0	201
MCC Credit Course	625	0	94	719
National Career Readiness Certificate	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	393	0	0	393
OSHA	61	0	0	61
Orientation	1,023	0	0	1,023
Other Services	642	0	0	642
Trauma Informed Peer Support	949	0	0	949
Total	4,604	0	94	4,698

Midland University

There are **2** active participations in Midland University's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Reentry Code Academy	7	1	3	11
Total	7	1	3	11

Opening Doors

There are **89** active participations in Opening Door's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Career Connection	46	0	6	52
Center Core Competencies	137	1	34	172
Computer/Administrative Skills	209	3	14	226
Other	1	0	4	5
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	50	1	4	55
Total	443	5	62	510

Persevere

There are **48** active participations in Persevere's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Career Readiness	0	0	3	3
Coding/Tech Instruction	0	0	3	3
Persevere+ Holistic Wellness	0	0	3	3
Total	0	0	9	9

Project Reset

There are **158** active participations in Project Reset's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Apprenticeship Placements	2	0	0	2
Evolve	41	0	0	41
First Aid	1	0	0	1
Fork Lift	2	0	0	2
Hand and Power Tool Training	3	0	0	3
Mentorship	33	0	0	33
Orientation	77	0	0	77
OSHA 10	1	0	0	1
Resiliency	114	0	0	114
Stability Factor Improved	47	0	0	47
Tape Measure Training	8	0	0	8
Trade Job Placement	1	0	0	1
Transitional Employment	7	0	0	7
Total	337	0	0	337

RISE

There are **139** active participations in RISE's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Crisis Intervention	33	0	0	33
Emotional Support	1,068	0	0	1,068
Employment Assistance	118	0	0	118
Family Program	11	0	0	11
Financial Assistance	37	0	0	37
Housing Assistance	103	0	0	103
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	163	0	0	163
RISE	47	0	10	57
Reentry Planning	684	0	0	684
Substance Use Assistance	6	0	0	6
Transportation Assistance	66	0	0	66
Total	2,336	0	10	2,346

ReConnect, INC

There are **354** active participations in ReConnect's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Career Prep	3	0	0	3
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	22	0	1	23
GPS (self-paced)	7	0	0	7
KEYS 1	28	0	0	28
KEYS 2	20	0	0	20
Post-Release Reentry Support	214	2	0	216
Right Start	1	0	0	1
Right Start 2.0	281	0	0	281
Success Prep	130	17	17	164
Success Prep-Bloom	8	0	0	8
Total	714	19	18	751

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **102** active participations in Bristol Station's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Communication Skills/Problem Solving	12	2	0	14
Conflict Resolution	21	16	3	39
Dress for Success	20	16	3	39
Employment Readiness	28	0	0	28
Employment Retention	16	4	0	20
Getting Back on Track	2	0	0	2
Interviewing Skills	20	17	3	40
Job Coaching	20	15	3	38
MRT	2	2	0	4
Money Management	2	2	0	4
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	6	0	0	6
Relapse Prevention Group	7	3	1	11
Residential Case Management	21	16	3	40
Residential Reentry	20	17	3	40
Transitional Skills	14	1	1	16
Victim Awareness	3	1	0	4
Total	214	112	20	346

York University

There are **12** active participations in York University's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Associate Degree	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0